Sharing of Airport maintenance expenditure by private Airlines

933. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the private airlines operators are also sharing the maintenance expenditure of the Airports in the country;

(b) if so, how much amount is charged on that account; and

(c) how many private airlines are operating in India and what are the details of the amounts charged last year from each airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) While there is no direct sharing of maintenance expenditure, M/s. Jet Airways and M/s. Sahara Airlines, the two private airlines operating scheduled air services in the country, pay landing, parking, housing and air navigation charges to Airports Authority of India at the prescribed rates for using the facilities like runaway, parking bays and navigational facilities provided at the airport. This is being done by Indian Airlines as well.

Expansion of flight destinations by IA and AI

934. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines and Air India proposed to expand their flight schedules to new sectors;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals; and

(c) the time by which the expanded flight destinations would be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Due to lack of aircraft capacity, Air India has no immediate plans to expand its operations. Indian Airlines has plans to commence service on Hyderabad-Cochin-Doha route shortly.